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DAYTON, Ohio, December 30, 1974 --- Dr. Maurice R. Graney, 68, retired Dean of U. D.'s School of Engineering, died Sunday, December 29 at Kettering Memorial Hospital after a five day illness.

Dr. Graney's tenure as Dean from 1956 to 1972 saw the School of Engineering gain national recognition for its research in the areas of permanent magnets and energy conversion. The school's multi-million dollar building complex was built during that time. Only one of the engineering faculty at U. D. hold a Ph.D. degree at the time Dr. Graney came from Purdue University to take the post of Dean. At the time of his retirement there were 27 members of the faculty holding that degree. The school also instituted a graduate program under Dr. Graney's direction.

Dean Graney became President of the Eugene W. Kettering Engineering and Science Institute after his retirement from U. D. He held that post at the time of his death.

He received his Ph.D. in engineering from Purdue University in 1942. He was appointed to the engineering faculty in 1935. After eight years of teaching he joined a firm of consulting engineers in Indianapolis while still retaining an active interest in Purdue's industrial training program during World War II. He also developed a Division of Technical Institutes at the University which he served as Director until 1950 when he was granted a leave to head a program of management and executive development at the Inland Steel Company of Chicago. He returned to Purdue in 1951 where he was appointed head of the Department of Industrial Management and Director of Industrial Management Educational Services to Industry.

Dr. Graney's name was well known in community and professional circles. He was active in Boy Scouts, hospital, religious and civic affairs and at the time of his death was a member of the Board of Trustees at Sinclair Community College. He served as a consultant on educational programs for industries, schools, the Armed Forces and other public institutions and as an examiner for the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities and the Engineers' Council for Professional Development. He is a former President of the Engineer's Club of Dayton. In 1962 he was appointed by President John F. Kennedy as a consultant to the Office of Science and Technology of the Executive Office of the President. He is listed in Who's Who in American Education, American Men of Science and Who's Who in Engineering.

Dr. Graney and his wife, Catherine, lived in Kettering. She survives along with a son, Maurice, Jr. of Owensboro, Ky.; a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Drexler, Annapolis, Md.; and a sister, Miss Frances Graney. A son David, died in an automobile accident in 1969. A funeral Mass was conducted at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 31 in the U. D. Chapel. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.